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Examiner: Stewart, Alvin J.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, please reconsider the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Enclosed are the following documents regarding the above-identified patent application:

- 1. Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005;
- 2. This transmittal in duplicate; and
- 3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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